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PREFACE

PURPOSE: To maintain the historical record of U.S. Army Field Station Panama, 470th Military Intelligence Group. To supplement fiscal year reports submitted earlier.

SCOPE: This report covers Fiscal Year 1986. It covers the organization and activities of U.S. Army Field Station Panama from 1 October 1985 to 30 September 1986. Data was compiled in accordance with USAINSCOM Supplement 1 to AR 870-5, dated June 1977.

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IDENTIFICATION AND LOCATION

(C [REDACTED]) IDENTIFICATION

(C [REDACTED]) United States Army Field Station Panama [REDACTED], Galeta Island (092411N-0795128W), Republic of Panama, FPO Miami 34060-9998. [REDACTED]

(FOUO) LOCATION AND PHYSICAL LAYOUT

(FOUO) The FY-85 Historical Report, Appendix D, accurately depicted key locations on a standard military map. No major relocation has occurred. The Field Station operations facility is colocated with the Naval Security Group Activity (NSGA) at Galeta Island, on the Atlantic coast of the Isthmus of Panama. The Commander, First Sergeant, and administrative staff work at Bldg 235, Ft Davis. Senior (enlisted, E-6 and above) unaccompanied soldiers are billeted at Bldg G, Coco Solo; junior enlisted personnel are billeted at Ft Davis, Bldg 234 or 235. These barracks locations are 4 and 10 miles, respectively, from the operations site. Larger consolidated enlisted quarters (Bldg 17) are currently under construction at Ft Davis. Bldg 17, when complete (Sep 87), will provide for limited growth. Government family housing is readily available to accompanied soldiers at Coco Solo, Ft Davis and Ft Espinar (old Ft Gillick). Two dining facilities are available at Ft Davis and another at Coco Solo and four hot meals are served daily at the operations site to accommodate shiftworkers.

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CHAPTER 11

MISSION, ORGANIZATION, COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS

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USAFS Panama [REDACTED]
"provides communication support to U.S. Forces. This entails the use of rapid secure communications and the monitoring of Army transmission security practices."

(U) ORGANIZATION

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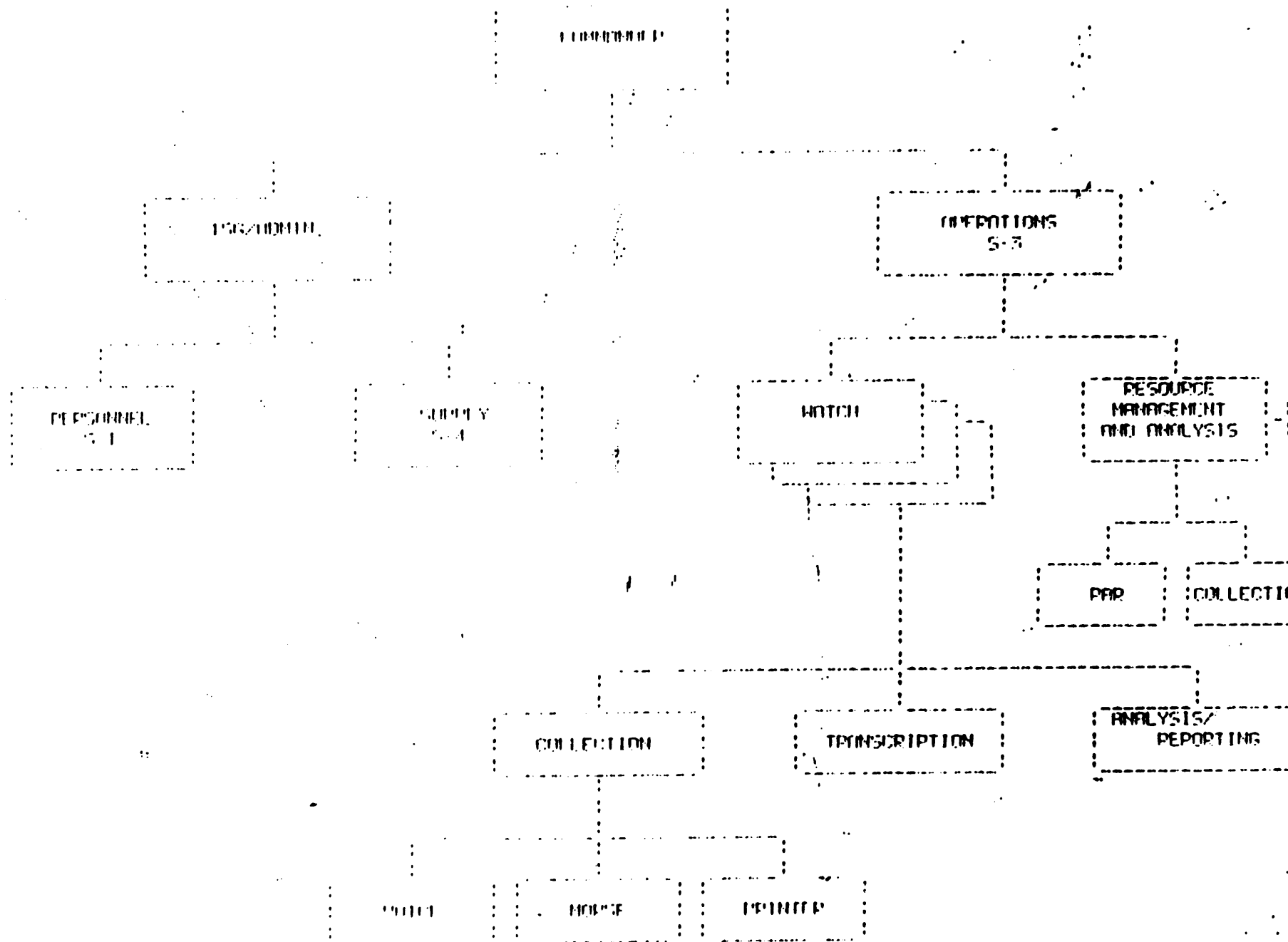
1. (U) USAFS Panama [REDACTED] is assigned to the 470th Military Intelligence Group [REDACTED] APO Miami 34004 per authority of Headquarters, USAINSCOM Permanent Order No 67-2, dated 26 October 1962.
2. (U) A diagram at the conclusion of Chapter 11 depicts the current organization of USAFS Panama.

(C) COMMAND RELATIONSHIPS

1. (C) Operational and non-operational support is provided by [REDACTED] NSGA (Galela Island). An interservice support agreement was executed IAW USAINSCOM Supplement to AR 1-35, dated 10 May 1965. (S FY-65 Report, Appendix A).
2. (U) The Commander, 193rd Infantry Brigade, provides additional non-operational support (personnel, finance and housing).

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RESOURCES AND MANAGEMENT

(U) PERSONNEL

1. (U) Manpower

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2. (U) Key Personnel

The following individuals held key positions at USAFS Panama on 30 September 1986.

Jerry A. De Money	MAJ	Commander
Paul C. Stark	CPT	Operations Officer
Kenneth E. Howard	2LT	Resource Management and Analysis Officer
Arthur Hancy III	CW2	Processing, Analysis, and Reporting Officer
Arthur G. Myrick	1SG	First Sergeant
Donald E. Harlin	MSG	Operations Sergeant
Isidro Sanchez	SFC	HHE Platoon Sergeant
Juan I. Rivera-Torres	SFC	1st Platoon Sergeant
Arturo Ramirez	SFC	2nd Platoon Sergeant
Robert E. Schaufelberger	SFC	3rd Platoon Sergeant

CHAPTER III

Major Jerry A. De Money assumed command of USAFS Panama on 3 July 1986. MAJ De Money arrived from his most recent assignment in the Politico-Military Division, Office of the Deputy Chief of Staff for Operations and Plans, Department of the Army, Washington D.C. The outgoing Commander, MAJ Dennis A. McGaugh, departed for the Command and General Staff College, Ft Leavenworth, Kansas.

First Sergeant Arthur G. Myrick assumed his position on 13 December 1985, having served as the Operations Sergeant until that time. 1SG Vidal Delgado was reassigned to work with 470th MI Group, Corozal, Panama.

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C. (C) PRODUCT AND TECHNICAL REPORTING

1. (C) Improved processing and reporting techniques significantly increased the quantity of [REDACTED] technical reports issued by USAFS Panama. Computer software was designed "in-house" and virtually eliminated format errors. The quantity of [REDACTED] increased 82% from FY-85, technical reports increased 35%.

[REDACTED] The new systems increased quality of the data and decreased transmission time - an annual saving of 11,000 man-hours (analysis and transmission time).

(C) [REDACTED] OPERATIONAL ACCOMPLISHMENTS

1. (C) [REDACTED] By December 1, 1985, the operations structure had evolved into a platoon managed organization. [REDACTED]

The RMA fused and streamlined the efforts of ORMA and PAR elements (as defined by the FY-85 report). Together with the Orderly Room, the RMA formed a fourth platoon size element (HHE). This organizational structure closely resembles the INSCOM TDA standardization model and actually predates the fielding of that model. A comprehensive certification program was also established. Each Assistant Platoon Sergeant monitors the 6-13 week training of soldiers as they are assigned to his shift. The training is tailored to specific MOS, pay grade and projected duty assignment. Upon completion of this initial phase, all personnel enter the station [REDACTED] program, designed to increase their [REDACTED]. Other general military training and annual requirements were scheduled and supervised at Platoon level.

2. (S) [REDACTED] On March 14, 1986, three soldiers from USAFS Panama were attached to Co B, 513th MI Group (Honduras) to support an airborne collection/direction finding mission at the CRAZYHORSE Echelon Above Co Activity. This support is ongoing. Personnel rotations occurred every 60-90 days. Assignment has been limited to [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] Many soldiers have volunteered for this mission and have described it as an exciting challenge, an opportunity to contribute to development/refinement of a [REDACTED]

3. (C) From May 15 to September 5, 1986, four soldiers from USAFS Panama were assigned to the 29th MI BN, 193rd Inf Bde, Panama. They were formed into a low-level [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] They were selected to brief their equipment [REDACTED] and tactics [REDACTED]

4. (C) In May 1985, USAFS Panama began a 60 day internal test of [REDACTED]. As a result, formal reporting [REDACTED] system began after only two weeks of external evaluation.

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(U) TRAINING

1. (U) The Army Physical Readiness Test was administered in March and September 1986. Diagnostic tests were conducted monthly at Platoon level. Unit averages at the September test were as follows: pushups/43, situps/59, run/f4:33.

2. (U) Platoon Sergeants scheduled weapons qualification (M16A1 Rifle) in January, May and September 1986. Only eleven individuals assigned at USAFS Panama did not qualify during FY-86. Personnel qualified as follows: expert- [REDACTED] sharpshooter- [REDACTED] marksman- [REDACTED] total- [REDACTED] [REDACTED] soldiers qualified expert with the 45 caliber pistol.

3. (U) Common Task Training (CTT) was administered by Platoon Sergeants and selected NCOs. Seventeen tasks had been designated as the FY-86 requirement. Locally, three tasks were tested each month. The following averages were achieved: pass-107, fail-5, not tested-9.

4. (U) FY-86 Skill Qualification Test results were as follows:

MOS	DESCRIPTION	SKILL LEVEL	NUMBER TESTED	AVERAGE SCORE	REMARKS
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1	[REDACTED]	80.3%	[REDACTED]
		2	[REDACTED]	74.3%	scores are still
		3	[REDACTED]	72.4%	incoming.
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1	[REDACTED]	73.3%	
		2	[REDACTED]	77.0%	
		3	[REDACTED]	76.0%	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	2	[REDACTED]	95.3%	
		3	[REDACTED]	95.0%	
[REDACTED]	[REDACTED]	1	[REDACTED]	63.0%	Training limited
		2	[REDACTED]	81.0%	by equipment on hand.

CHAPTER VI

MORALE SUPPORT

A. (U) SPORTS

1. (U) Soldiers and dependents of USAFS Panama participated in a variety of sports. As FY-86 progressed, USAFS Panama fielded teams as follows: basketball(men), softball(men/women), flag football(men/women), volleyball(men/women), soccer(men). USAFS Panama sponsored its fifth annual SAPO Fun Run in November. A women's powderpuff football game between USAFS Panama and NSGA Galeta Island coincided with the gridiron clash of their representative service academies. An ongoing Captain's Cup competition pitted Army teams against the Navy and Marines in six events. The Army B team was in first place after swimming, volleyball and bowling; basketball, softball and track will determine the eventual winner. USAFS Panama and the 470th MI Group fielded a twelve member team for the Annual Trans-Isthmian Relay, a 52-mile race from the Atlantic coast to the Pacific Ocean.

B. (U) SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

1. (U) On 12 October 1985, USAFS Panama and the 470th MI Group celebrated Group Organization Day. USAFS Panama and NSGA Galeta Island jointly sponsored holiday parties at Halloween, Christmas, New Year's Eve and July 4th. Also, several luaus were hosted at the Galeta Island Beach and pool parties were held at the Coco Solo Pool. USAFS Panama sponsored a formal "Dining In" for soldiers and a "Dining Out" to include a spouse or guest. USAFS Panama sponsored a booth at the annual MSA Fair, Ft Davis. The theme of this year's Fair was "Follow the Rainbow". The unit's booth (strategically placed between the bandstand and beer concessions) proved to be one of the most popular. After all, all you had to do was "toss the little ball into the big milkcan." "HEY, Come back here!" "You'll get it next time."